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THE next Annual Session will be held in Rocky Mount, N. C., beginning on Wednesday after the Third Lord's Day in October, 1898.

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OF THE

Thirtieth Annual Session of the Baptist Educational and Missioinary Convention of N. C.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Baptist State Educational and Missionary Convention convened with Ebenezer Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., October 19, 1897, at 7:30 P. M.

The President, Rev. N. F. Roberts, D. D., being absent, Rev. T. S. Evans, Vice President, called the meeting to order and presided during the evening.

The first half hour was spent in praise service to Almighty God for the privilege of meeting again to recount the labors of another conventional year. The exercises were highly spiritual, many brethren taking part.

At 8 o'clock the Convention was formally opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. D. J. Avery and Rev. H. H. Hines.

"Awake, my soul, march boldly on," was sung, led by the choir. Hebrews, 10th chapter, was read, and prayer followed by Rev. Hines.

Rev. C. L. Davis, the aggressive pastor of Ebenezer Church, arose and, in behalf of the churches of the city, cordially welcomed the Convention to the hospitality of the city, assuring the delegation that their welcome was both hearty and unanimous, so far as the evangelical Christian churches of the city were concerned.

The response was presented by Rev. G. W. Moore, of Reidsville, in well-chosen words.

The Hon. E. B. Springs, Mayor, being introduced, most cordially greeted the Convention, expressing his most sincere interest in the work of the Convention, and his sympathy in and for the moral, material and intellectual welfare of the colored race.

Rev. C. S. Brown was invited to respond to the Mayor, which he did in a suitable manner.

Rev. J. A. Whitted offered the following resolution :

“WHEREAS, The bounds of our National Baptist Convention are so great, and we feel that our Home and Foreign Mission work can be better carried out by districting the United States into missionary districts ; and

“ WHEREAS, correspondence is now going on among the brethren of some of the States, North Carolina included :

“ *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to investigate the field, and the reasons for the formation of a district convention, which committee shall advise some action for the Convention.”

The resolution being approved, the following committee was appointed, viz., J. A. Whitted, A. W. Pegues, G. W. Moore, O. A. Alston, C. H. Williamson, A. B. Vincent and C. C. Somerville.

As an introduction to the annual sermon, “ All hail the power of Jesus’ name ” was sung. Rev. M. D. Matthewson, of Tarboro, was introduced to preach the sermon. The speaker chose as a text I. Samuel 15 : 22—“ To obey is better than sacrifice ”—announcing as the subject, “ Obedience to God.” Among other things, the speaker remarked : “ Religion is intended to make people happy, not miserable ; but happiness in religion depends wholly upon obedience to God. If religion is what some people claim it is, then it is a bad thing to have. Religion improves man in every way. God’s blessings are conditioned on absolute obedience. Sad countenances and disfigured faces are no evidence of religion, but the spirit to do God’s will.”

The sermon was a strong exposition on practical religion, and greatly edified all present.

A collection amounting to \$2.03 was taken.

By motion, it was agreed that Rev. T. S. Evans officiate as President until the election of officers shall have taken place.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. G. W. Perry, and the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. E. Blake.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 A. M. the presiding officer, Rev. T. S. Evans, called the Convention to order.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. G. W. Holland and Rev. S. W. Dockery.

Hymn, "Lord, in the morning, thou shalt hear," was sung, the First Psalm was read, and a series of prayers and exhortations followed for the space of thirty minutes.

The minutes of the evening session were approved.

Rev. G. L. P. Taliferro, editor of *The Christian Banner*, of Philadelphia, and Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Secretary of the Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, were introduced to the Convention.

The Constitution of the Convention was read, and the enrollment of delegates followed. [See list elsewhere.]

The following delegates were appointed on the Finance Committee, viz., S. H. Witherspoon, I. M. Powers, W. T. Minter, D. J. Moore and J. J. Hines.

Rev. S. L. Johnson, evangelist, appearing in the house, was cordially welcomed to a seat among the brethren.

As an endorsement to the work so successfully executed by Rev. Johnson, Rev. S. N. Vass introduced the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, Rev. S. L. Johnson, a most reputable minister and a native of our State, has proven himself a most successful evangelist, not only in North Carolina but in other States:

"Resolved, That we most heartily endorse Rev. S. L. Johnson and his chosen work, and recommend him to all churches that may need his services."

The following gentlemen were then introduced to the Convention, viz., Rev. D. C. Covington, Rev. G. W. Johnson, of Mississippi; Rev. Wm. Wells, all of the A. M. E. Z. Church; and Rev. G. H. Haynes, of the Congregational Church.

The following brethren were designated as a Committee on Officers: G. W. Moore, M. T. Hawkins, W. R. Slade, W. H. Woodard and S. N. Vass.

It having been reported that Rev. F. R. Howell had severed his connection with the Baptist Church and united

with the A. M. Zion Church, and Rev. Howell being present as an active member of the Convention, he was called upon to give an explanation concerning the origination and truthfulness of the rumors. He denied the accusation.

Rev. C. H. Williamson asserted that the allegation made against Bro. Howell could be proven, and announced that charges would be formally made before Committee on Grievances.

The Committee on Officers made the following nominations:

For President—Rev. A. Shepard, D. D.

For Recording Secretary—C. S. Brown.

For Corresponding Secretary—J. A. Whitted.

For Treasurer—A. W. Pegues.

For Auditor—G. W. Moore.

Board of Managers—A. Shepard, C. S. Brown, A. W. Pegues, C. L. Davis, J. J. Worlds, M. T. Hawkins, W. H. Woodard, M. D. Mathewson and W. A. Patillo.

The report was approved without alteration.

A collection was taken amounting to \$2.38.

The hour for recess arriving, the Convention closed with the benediction.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order promptly at 2:30 P. M. and was opened with praise service, conducted by Rev. C. L. Davis, many brethren taking part.

The proceedings of the forenoon were read and approved.

The following brethren were chosen as Vice Presidents of the Convention:

Zion Association—Rev. J. A. Funderburk.

Yadkin Association—Rev. P. R. Tyson.

Old Easton Associaton—Rev. T. S. Evans.

Pee Dee Association—Rev. S. W. Dockery.

Yadkin and Davie Association—Rev. A. B. Clark.

Middle District Association—Rev. Wm. DeVaughn.

Lake Waccamaw Association—Rev. D. J. Moore.

Shiloh (Western) Associatiou—Rev. A. Lewis.

West Roanoke Association—Rev. Thomas Sharp.

Wake Association—Rev. F. R. Freeman.

Johnston Association—Rev. E. B. Blake.

New Hope Association—Rev. G. W. Moore.

Neuse River Association—Rev. S. Hicks.

Yadkin Valley Association—Rev. J. H. Hunt.

Rev. F. P. Maloy was elected Statistical Secretary and Historian of the Convention.

By motion, it was agreed that the Shiloh (Eastern) Association be allowed sixty days to remit its representation fee, on condition that the delegates give a satisfactory note in favor of the Convention and payable to the Corresponding Secretary.

The following committees were appointed ;

1. *On Time and Place*.—M. D. Matthewson, H. I. Quick, G. W. Holland, J. C. Williams and G. W. Perry.

2. *On Religious Literature*—A. B. Vincent, S. N. Vass, E. B. Blake, Thos. Parker and C. H. Williamson.

3. *On Sunday Services*—C. L. Davis, C. H. Williamson, N. P. French, L. D. Wilson and Wm. Anderson.

On Temperance—S. H. Henderson, T. S. Evans and D. J. Moore.

5. *On Obituary*—S. H. Witherspoon, J. L. Fenner, T. B. Edwards, W. R. Slade and J. F. Davis.

6. *On Education*—P. F. Maloy, M. A. Alexander, R. B. Watts, I. M. Powers and W. T. Minter.

7. *On a Baptist State Paper*—W. A. Pattillo, B. B. Hill, J. A. Whitted, M. T. Hawkins and A. Lewis.

8. *On Grievances*—W. T. Minter, W. R. Slade, S. W. Dockery, E. H. Coles and J. J. Worlds.

Dr. R. A. Jordan and Mr. — Mosely (whites) were introduced to the Convention.

The Corresponding Secretary submitted his annual report, together with the work accomplished by the missionaries under co-operation. The report indicated great progress in our missionary and educational work, and an awakened interest throughout the State. [See report elsewhere.] Warm speeches of commendation on co-operation were made on the adoption of the report.

Letters were read from Rev. J. W. Dew, of Goldsboro, and Rev. T. J. Morgan, D. D., Secretary of Home Mission

Society, of New York, regretting their inability to attend the Convention, sickness detaining each.

The afternoon session was closed with the benediction by Rev. D. C. Covington.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order promptly at 7:30 P. M. by the President, Dr. Shepard. A praise service for half an hour followed.

The hour having arrived for the Special Missionary Sermon, "Go preach my Gospel, saith the Lord," was sung. Matthew, 28th chapter, was read by Dr. A. W. Pegues, and prayer was offered by Rev. S. L. Johnson.

The President then introduced Rev. W. T. Minter to preach the sermon. He chose as a text Matt. 28:19—"Go ye into all the world and preach my Gospel."

The speaker remarked: "This commission was given to the disciples. They did what the commission enjoined—teach and preach. It was given to Baptist preachers. Christ was a Baptist preacher. If the world is to receive the unadulterated Gospel, it must obtain it through Baptist preachers. We must preach the gospel by example, as well as by precept."

The speaker, in inimitable style, with earnestness and convincing logic, entertained the audience with a most interesting discourse.

The sermon was followed by music, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine," and prayer led by Rev. H. H. Hines.

Rev. S. N. Vass, District Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, very ably and forcibly presented the great work accomplished by this society in propagating religious truth and Baptist principles among the colored people. In the midst of his remarks he presented the following interesting facts for 1897: "Number of publications, 41,649,078; number of new books, 122; number of copies issued, 2,769,028. The Society also reprinted on account of the fire, 539 books, 690 tracts; total copies of books, 2,778,125; copies of literature, 3,859,230. The society supplies three-fourths of all Bap-

tists in the United States with literature, both white and black."

By motion offered by Rev. S. H. Witherspoon, the Convention expressed unanimously its renewed allegiance to the American Baptist Publication Society.

The committee appointed to consider the advisability of dividing the United States into missionary districts for more conveniently executing Home and Foreign Mission work reported. [See report elsewhere.] The adoption of the report was, by mutual consent, deferred until the following day.

Rev. G. L. P. Taliferro, of Philadelphia, bore to the Convention the greetings of the Baptists of Pennsylvania, and, introducing the *Christian Banner*, solicited the support of the brethren in making that journal a great Baptist paper.

The following special orders were agreed to :

1. That Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., be allowed half an hour to-morrow morning to present the work of the National Baptist Publishing Board.

2. That the women be allowed one hour to-morrow afternoon to present their mission work.

3. That the Orphan Asylum be presented to-morrow evening, and a collection be raised for the same.

A collection was then taken amounting to \$10.12, and donated to the American Baptist Publication Society.

The doxology was sung, and the meeting was closed with the benediction by Rev. G. L. P. Taliferro.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention convened promptly at 9:30 A. M., and was called to order by President Shepard. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises.

The meetings of the previous afternoon and evening were read and confirmed.

The following gentlemen were introduced to the Convention: Rev. E. P. Mayo and R. B. Bruce of the A. M. E. Zion Church; Rev. L. R. Pruett (white) and Rev. L. G. Jordan.

Rev. L. R. Pruett favored the Convention with a short but encouraging address.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, spoke on the needs of Africa, and urged the importance of raising more money for Foreign Missions.

The Rowan Association was allowed to enroll on condition that the delegates forward to the Corresponding Secretary twenty-eight dollars within thirty days. The Kenansville Eastern Association was admitted, and given sixty days to remit its enrollment fee of ten dollars.

Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced to address the Convention on the work of the National Publishing Board. He remarked that the Board had furnished twenty-three hundred schools with Sunday-school literature. He made an eloquent and able defense for the Board.

Rev. Dr. Barum (white) of the First Baptist Church, being introduced, made a short address.

Rev. Dr. Blackwell, Manager of the A. M. E. Zion Publishing House, was introduced and spoke a few words of greeting.

A motion prevailed to waive the regular order of business for the discussion and adoption of the report recommending the division of the United States into missionary districts. The report was discussed by brethren A. W. Pegues, J. A. Whitted, L. G. Jordan, C. S. Brown and C. C. Somerville; after which it was unanimously adopted.

The doxology was then sung, and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Boyd.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled promptly at 2:30, and the praise service was conducted by Rev. Joshua Perry.

The Rev. C. L. Davis presided, the President being absent.

The Chair called for the proceedings of the forenoon session, which were read and approved.

On motion, the district missionaries were requested to address the Convention on the condition and needs of their respective fields.

Rev. A. B. Vincent, of the Central District, rendered quite an excellent report. He quoted clippings from various papers, in which warm expressions of commendation came from persons in all walks of life, testifying to the benefits resulting from co-operation. He spoke with unusual emphasis of the "Christian loyalty" which has been demonstrated almost everywhere in his field.

Rev. P. F. Maloy, of the Western District, followed with a close and connected report, and showed that he had carefully studied the field in which he had so successfully labored, as well as won the affection of those among whom he had gone. He remarked that he had entertained fears when he accepted the work that he would find the field cold and uninteresting, but experience had had happily revealed a different condition. He had witnessed much want and destitution, and regarded the west as a great mission field.

Rev. C. C. Somerville, of the Eastern District, presented some interesting observations from his field. He had received a cordial welcome by both ministers and churches. He remarked: "We have there a grand people, grand men, grand leaders. We have several large and flourishing institutions fostered by our people. The field is indeed great, having a Baptist membership of eighty thousand, full of courage and hopefulness."

Rev. J. W. Davis, of the M. E. Church; Editor C. P. White, of Rock Hill, S. C., and Rev. Mr. Moss were introduced to the Convention.

The Committee on Temperance presented a very interesting report, showing that mighty forces are at work against this hydra-headed evil, and suggested increased agitation of temperance from the pulpits.

Miss Fannie Jordan, of the city, was introduced to the Convention, who read quite an interesting paper on the Missionary Training School of Raleigh, and solicited the support of the pastors and churches in behalf of the trained and consecrated women sent out by this institution to labor among the people. She faithfully presented woman's work from a Biblical standpoint.

Mrs. A. Shepard came forward and represented the mission work as done by the sisters of the First Baptist Church, of the city, and she very clearly indicated that a

great deal of practical mission work is being done by alleviating the suffering and rescuing the perishing.

Mrs. Trap represented the Mission Society of Friendship Church, and entertained the Convention with a splendid paper.

Mrs. Walker appeared as the representative of the woman's work connected with the Ebenezer church, and read also an edifying paper.

Mrs. M. C. Ransom, of Oxford, was then introduced as a fraternal delegate from the Woman's State Convention. She spoke of the kindly relationship existing between these two religious bodies, longed for a closer union, and desired delegates from this Convention to meet with their organization. She reported that one hundred societies represented in Goldsboro, and that they donated \$40 to the Chicago Society, \$20 for the Orphan Asylum and \$10 for the Baptist State Convention to be used for Foreign Missions

A vote of thanks was tendered the Woman's Baptist State Convention for their donation to our work, and greetings and congratulations conveyed for the noble efforts they are making to promote the Kingdom of Christ.

Brethren Crosby, Vincent, Evans, and others, were allowed to express the warm sympathy which the Convention feels in the mission work performed by the women of our churches.

Rev. R. P. Wyche, D. D., of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced to the Convention.

By motion, it was ordered that Bro. L. G. Jordan be allowed twenty minutes during the evening session to present Foreign Missions, and ten dollars (\$10.85) and eighty-five cents were paid him on traveling expenses.

Rev. O. B. Alston, having the misfortune to lose twenty-five dollars, a donation of \$5.40 was given him.

The doxology was sung, and the meeting closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Wyche.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The meeting opened at 7:40 P. M. with praise service, conducted by Rev. J. L. Fenner and W. C. Cowan.

At 8 o'clock, President Shepard introduced Rev. L. G.

Jordan, who had been invited to speak on Foreign Missions. The speaker began by quoting a passage of Scripture from the 18th chapter of Matthew. He made a strong and forcible appeal for Africa, and won the sympathy of the audience for the redemption of that benighted land. Following this eloquent appeal, Rev. Wm. Devaughn led in prayer for the benefit of the sick widow of Rev. Johns, now lying critically ill in the "Dark Continent."

The Committee on a Baptist State Paper solicited permission to report, and the chairman, Rev. Whitted, proceeded to read the same. The discussion and adoption of the report, by mutual consent, were deferred until the following morning.

Dr. A. W. Pegues, Treasurer, submitted his annual report, which harmonized with the report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Then, as dean of the theological department of Shaw University, Dr. Pegues proceeded to address the Convention on the opportunities which the Institution offered ministers desiring to make themselves more efficient from a literary standpoint. He stated that a course of study has been adopted which will be conducted by correspondence for those who cannot afford to leave home for any considerable length of time to attend school; and that a special mid-winter course would be provided for pastors who could arrange to spend six or eight weeks in school. He made a strong appeal for an educated ministry.

The orphan work, as done by the Colored Orphan Asylum, of Oxford, was clearly outlined by Rev. J. A. Whitted, stating among other things, that the asylum now cares for a hundred and twenty-five children, the campus contained a hundred and sixty acres of land, and that the State contributes, out of the public funds, four thousand dollars a year towards its support.

A collection of \$11.26 was given to the Orphanage.

An explanation was read concerning the standing, character, and previous ministerial record of Rev. R. J. Walden, D. D., to refute certain allegations made respecting the action of the Board of Managers toward him.

After singing the doxology, the Convention closed with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention being called to order at 10 o'clock, opened with devotional exercises, in which many brethren took a part.

The Minutes of the proceedings, afternoon and evening sessions, were approved.

President C. F. Meserve, of Shaw University being introduced, favored the Convention with a few encouraging remarks.

The report presented by the Committee on a Baptist State paper came before the house for discussion. Brethren Whitted, Vass, Pegues, Crosby, Vincent and others spoke, some contending that the report should be amended, providing for the establishment of a State paper. The report was amended, authorizing the Board of Managers to proceed to establish a paper, if it could be conveniently done without involving the Convention in debt; and that the *Christian Banner*, of Philadelphia, *The Baptist Headlight*, of Warsaw, and the *Baptist Banner*, of Wilksboro, be endorsed as worthy of support.

E. J. Young, general Secretary of the Benevolent and Relief Association, of Charlotte, appeared in behalf of that institution, showing that it was a philanthropic enterprise, as well as a business concern, and invited the delegates to visit his office and inspect the methods and management of the organization. Rev. Vass and Rev. C. C. Somerville rose and warmly commended the institution represented by Mr. Young.

The Committee on Sunday Services read their report. (See report elsewhere).

A letter was read from Rev. W. R. Mason, expressing allegiance to the Convention and sent one dollar as membership fee.

Rev. O. B. Alston spoke in regard to the representation of the Neuse River Association, and asked the Convention to indulge the Association thirty days to recruit its fees. The indulgence was granted.

The Committee on Religious Literature reported, recommending the publication of the American Baptist Publication Society, for our churches and Sunday-schools. (See Report).

Rev. W. P. Fifer, of the Southern M. E. church, was introduced to the Convention.

A letter was read from Rev. B. W. Spilman, Sunday-school Missionary (white) for the State.

By motion, the suggestions contained in said letter were referred to the following committee on Sunday-schools:

P. F. Maloy, G. W. Holland, S. S. Henderson, J. J. Worlds, A. B. Vincent, J. O. Crosby and G. W. Moore.

A motion prevailed to appoint the following Committee on Missions:

D. J. Moore, J. L. Nunnally, W. C. Cowan, D. J. Avery, D. T. Best and R. D. Harris.

The Committee on Time and Place of next meeting reported, recommending that the Convention convene on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October 1898, in the town of Rocky Mount. The adoption of said report was deferred until the following afternoon for adoption.

Mrs. M. A. Morris, Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society, of the A. M. E. Z. Church, was introduced.

A communication from Rev. A. L. Summer was received and referred to the Board of Managers.

The Convention closed with the benediction by Rev. W. P. Fifer.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 2.30 P. M., Rev. A. Shepard presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. R. Slade, of New Berne.

The Minutes of the forenoon were read and approved. The report of the Committee on Time and Place was approved.

A letter of greeting was read from Rev. D. J. Sanders, of Biddle University, in which he extended a cordial invitation to the delegates to favor Biddle with a visit.

Rev. T. S. Evans spoke encouragingly of the work in his section; but he remarked that many ministers in the East were not aroused to duty, and hoped that soon they would be brought in closer touch with the Convention.

Rev. Thomas Sharp spoke hopefully of his section and

affirmed that he came from the banner section. He spoke ably of the grand work of co-operation and of what has been achieved since co-operation had been inaugurated.

Rev. J. F. Davis, of Salisbury, gave an account of the work in his field, and made an interesting address on the duty of pastors to develop their congregations in Christian benevolence.

Rev. B. B. Hill, of St. Paul, Minn., gave a splendid talk on the work as it impressed him in the State.

Rev. J. O. Crosby addressed the Convention on the development of Baptist work within the bounds of the Rowan Association.

Rev. O. B. Alston, in a five minute's speech, pledged loyalty to the Convention and its work, for the Neuse River Association.

Rev. Dr. D. J. Sanders and Rev. P. G. Drayton were introduced to the Convention, and Dr. Sanders favored the delegation with a few appropriate remarks. Rev. Mr. Best, of the A. M. E. Z. Church, was also tendered a welcome among the brethren.

A collection for superannuated ministers was taken, amounting to \$5.25.

The meeting closed with the benediction by Dr. Sanders.

FOURTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 7.30 the Convention opened with singing and prayer, led by Rev. D. J. Moore and Rev. D. Graham.

The Committee on Sunday-schools presented its report, which was approved. (See Report).

Bishop T. H. Lomax, of the A. M. E. Z. Church, was invited to a seat in the Convention. Accepting which, the Bishop submitted a few kind remarks congratulating the Convention on its work, and advocated the need of an elevated ministry.

The statistician, Rev. P. F. Maloy, made his annual report. It was agreed that the same might be published in the Minutes, if the statistician made the facts more intelligible and comprehensive.

The communication from Oak Grove Association was

read and a report inserted, which was approved.

Rev. R. B. Watts, of Wilkesboro, was introduced. He reported the dark condition of the work in that section, but rejoiced that light is breaking. His remarks made quite a deep impression on the great audience.

The choir then sang a beautiful anthem: "The King of Glory."

The Committee on Grievances reported, but action on the report was deferred until the following morning.

The President of Shaw University was then introduced. His subject was, "The Baptist Ministers and Churches in North Carolina—their duty and relation to Shaw University." He said, among other things, these excellent words: "The colored race is getting more out of adversity than any other race ever did. No man who tries to divide the races and create strife between them is either a patriot or a Christian. An educated ministry is more and more demanded by an educated people. We have in the State, six well-located, well-regulated secondary schools as feeders to Shaw. Baptist sons and daughters should attend Baptist schools. Shaw University has many needs. We look to you for help. Proper recitation-rooms are to be fitted up. We hopefully desire one thousand dollars from "Shaw Day." The address was replete with wholesome instruction and made no little impression on the congregation.

A collection was taken for Shaw, which amounted to \$12.00.

The evening session closed with the benediction pronounced by Bishop T. H. Lomax.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention opened at 10 A. M., with praise service conducted by Rev. C. L. Davis.

The President, Dr. Shepard, announced the house ready for business.

A motion prevailed granting the reporter five dollars for his services during the Convention.

The Committee on Missions reported, but said report

was referred to a Committee on "Systematic Benevolence" appointed at a previous session of the Convention.

Dr. Hargraves, of Biddle University, was extended a welcome to the Convention.

Miss Lula Jenkins, Private Secretary of Mr. Coleman of the Coleman Cotton Mill Company, of Concord, was introduced and made a few remarks relative to the progress of the work. A vote of endorsement was passed concerning the Coleman Cotton Mill Company.

Bishop Clinton of the A. M. E. Z. Church, was presented to the Convention. He favored the Convention with a few remarks, assuring the delegation of his kindly feelings and interest in their work. He congratulated them on their firm maintenance of principle, and on the demonstration of educational progress, evidences of which could be clearly seen in Charlotte.

The report of the Committee on Grievance was taken up, discussed and approved. By it, Rev. F. R. Howell was found guilty of apostasy and dismissed from the fellowship of the Convention. (See Report).

The fee paid by him was returned.

A motion prevailed that the Minutes be printed in the "Quarterly."

The following brethren were made fraternal delegates :

To the South Carolina Convention—C. C. Somerville, J. O. Crosby, and C. L. Davis.

To the Virginia Convention—Wm. DeVaughn, A. Shepard, A. B. Vincent, S. H. Witherspoon, W. T. Minter, and G. W. Holland.

To the White Baptist State Convention—H. Pair, P. F. Maloy, M. A. Alexander, and C. S. Brown.

The Finance Committee reported. (See Report).

A parting hymn was sung and the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Baptist State Convention closed with prayer, led by Rev. G. W. Holland.

A. SHEPARD, D. D., *President.*

C. S. BROWN, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVIDING THE UNITED STATES INTO MISSIONARY DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, We believe the Divine command to spread the Gospel throughout the world obligatory upon us; and, whereas, for years, we have been urging our churches to contribute for the evangelization of the heathen; and, whereas, we believe that a wise organization of our forces is essential to the propagation of missions, and that money raised should be forward to foreign lands in the most direct and least expensive manner; and, whereas, our National Convention, because of its immense territory, has apparently been unable to execute the mission work efficiently. Therefore be it

Resolved, That for the more effectual development of our mission work and forces, we deem it expedient to divide the country into Missionary Districts.

2. That we approve the idea of co-operation so contemplated by the States of Virginia, Maryland, the New England States, the Middle Atlantic, and the District of Columbia, in the development of our educational and missionary work.

3. That we do now and here appoint the following delegates: J. A. Whitted, A. W. Pegues, P. F. Maloy, C. S. Brown, G. W. Moore, C. C. Somerville, and C. H. Williamson to meet with delegates from the States above named to consider the advisability of effecting a district organization.

4. That the delegates thus appointed and assembled be advised to provide for the collection and distribution of our foreign mission donations on the most economical basis, all of which as far as practicable to be forwarded through the Board thus created directly to its destination.

5. That provisions be also made for the appointment of missionaries and the selection of mission fields.

6. That we instruct our Board of Managers, through our corresponding Secretary to issue a call to the States above mentioned to send delegates to meet at Washington, D. C., with the delegates from North Carolina, De-

ember 16th, 1897, to effect the organization contemplated in these resolutions; and that our greetings be especially conveyed to our brethren in Pennsylvania, because they seem to be now ready to inaugurate this movement and to co-operate with us in this struggle to extend missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WHITTED,
G. W. MOORE,
P. F. MALOY,
O. B. ALSTON,
A. W. PEGUES,
A. B. VINCENT,
C. C. SOMMERVILLE,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT WOMAN'S BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., October 7, 1897.

Collections.

Amount on hand from previous year.....	\$ 12 07
By collections during Convention.....	22 51
Contributed by local societies.....	190 65
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Total	\$225 23

Expended.

To Home Mission Society, Chicago.....	\$40 00
To Orphan Asylum, Oxford.....	20 00
To Baptist State Convention, Charlotte.....	10 00
To Mrs. Mial, salary as Missionary.....	11 00
To Mrs. Morris, salary as Missionary.....	19 66
To Am. Baptist Publication Society.....	7 00
To Rev. J. A. Whitted for co-operation....	4 68
To Miss Miller for Training-School.....	3 28
To Stationery and Sexton.....	5 93
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	\$121 93
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Balance on hand.....	\$103 30

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Recognizing the value of Christian education in uplifting the people, and desiring to stimulate the efforts among the colored people to secure the same, we, your Committee, beg to submit the following considerations :

1. WHEREAS, Shaw University, our great institution at Raleigh, has done so much for the moral and intellectual welfare of the race ; and, recognizing our great debt of gratitude to this institution, be it

Resolved, That we recognize the proclamation made by the President to observe the first Sunday in November as "Shaw Day," and that we recommend and urge that all our churches and Sunday-schools lift a special collection on that day, and forward the same to the President of the school.

2. WHEREAS, The late Dr. H. M. Tupper gave himself wholly to the amelioration of the condition of the race as President of Shaw, and, in respect to his memory and sacrifices, be it

Resolved, That this Convention undertake to establish a professorship at Shaw to be designated as "The Tupper Professorship," and in co-operation with the American Home Mission Society, support in part, or whole, an instructor chosen for the Theological Department in concurrence with said Society and that the churches, associations and Sunday-schools be appealed to to raise annually and regularly contributions for the same.

3. WHEREAS, The American Baptist Home Mission Society has expended immense sums for us, and proven its loyalty and devotion to Christian education, and, wishing to encourage a continuation of their philanthropic endeavors, be it

Resolved, That this Convention approves most heartily the proposed plans and arrangements for the further execution of their educational work among the colored people of the South, and pledges to the Society our fullest co-operation in the promotion of the same

4. We most highly commend the splendid efforts which have been put forth in certain sections of the State to establish academies of learning under Baptist auspices, and pledge to them our moral encouragement, and, as far as possible, our financial support.

5. We further recommend that the contents of these resolutions be brought before our churches and associations for endorsement and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

P. F. MALOY,
W. T. MINTER,
M. A. ALEXANDER,
I. M. POWERS,
R. B. WATTS,

Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

We, your Committee on the Relation of the Sunday-school and the Regular Church Work, take pleasure in submitting the following :

That whereas, the Church of Christ is the only Scriptural organization for doing Christian work, and that as all missionary agencies originate in, and are conducted through the church organizations ; therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that all missionary societies, Sunday-schools, and other religious organizations doing mission work in the State shall be under the direct auspices of, and in co-operation with the churches composing this Convention, and receive the endorsement of the Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of North Carolina. We consider this system of missionary operation to be in harmony with the true spirit of the great commission.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. HENDERSON,
J. O. CROSBY,
P. F. MALOY,
G. W. HOLLAND,
A. B. VINCENT,

Committee.

REPORT OF GRIEVANCES.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report :

A charge came before us for investigation against Rev. F. R. Howell for apostasy ; and, after careful, prayerful, and impartial investigation, we are led to believe the

allegation to be true. The fact that Rev. Howell has united with the A. M. E. Zion Church was testified to by Rev. W. S. Shuford, pastor of the Baptist church of Hickory, where Rev. Howell held for a period a Methodist church, also by Rt. Rev. Bishop Lomax, Rev. Jones and R. H. Simmons, presiding elders of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Therefore we recommend that his local church be notified of the same, and that his relation with this body cease.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. DOCKERY,
W. T. MINTER,
S. H. WITHERSPOON,
E. H. COLE,
W. R. SLADE,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, We are conscious of the fact that intemperance is doing much evil in our land and country, and its effects are destructive to all good; and the evil of intemperance has done vast damage to our people morally and financially, and we know it to be a prevailing sin among our people; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Convention endorse the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, St. Paul, Minn., and observe the fourth Sunday in November in each year as Temperance Sunday in accordance with the plan for a Universal Temperance Sunday proposed by the London Sunday-school Union.

2. That our object is to secure a concerted effort on the part of all churches and religious organizations, to the end that a mighty wave of Christian temperance sentiment sweep over the land and the people be aroused to see the evil of the liquor traffic.

S. S. HENDERSON,
D. J. MOORE,
T. S. EVANS,

Committee.

LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, The Publication Society has, for seventy-three years, published the best literature in all the land, and

WHEREAS, The profits made from the sale of this literature in this State are used to employ missionaries in this State and to make grant of books and literature to the destitute and needy, and

WHEREAS, The past work of this Society has commended itself to the Baptists of this State, therefore

Resolved, That we most earnestly recommend that our schools and churches *continue* its use, and do all in their power to push the publications of our Publication Society.

We especially recommend that both churches and schools do all in their power to make Children's Day and Bible Day a great success in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. VINCENT,

S. N. VASS,

E. B. BLAKE,

Committee.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SERVICES.

Friendship Church—11 A. M., W. T. Minter; 8 P. M., B. B. Hill.

First Baptist Church—3 P. M., B. B. Hill; 8 P. M., S. S. Henderson.

Ebenezer Baptist Church—11 A. M., Wm. Devaughn; 3 P. M., J. A. Whitted; 8 P. M., W. T. Minter.

Clinton Chapel—3 P. M., W. R. Slade; 8 P. M., T. B. Edwards.

Grace Church—11 A. M., C. C. Tommerville; 8 P. M., P. F. Maloy.

Presbyterian Church—3 P. M., J. A. Whitted; 8 P. M., W. R. Slade.

M. E. Church—3 P. M., D. J. Avery; 8 P. M., C. C. Sommerville.

Wesley Chapel—11 A. M., G. W. Holland; 8 P. M., D. J. Avery.

Congregational Church—11 A. M., T. B. Edwards; 8 P. M., J. J. Davis.

Little Rock Church—3 P. M., P. F. Maloy; 8 P. M., Wm. Devaughn.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

COMMUNICATIONS.

BOYKINS, Va., October 20, 1897.

DEAR BRETHREN:—I regret very much that I cannot be with you during the Convention, but sickness in my family keeps me away. I pray that you may meet with success and great good may result from your meeting. I am heart and soul with you in the work, and hope that the great co-operation plan may stand and receive renewed endorsement. Let the good work go on.

I hope that the dissatisfaction between Dr. Walden and the Convention will be satisfactorily settled, and that our Convention may continue unbroken. Remember me kindly to the brethren.

Enclosed find one dollar, my annual fee.

Yours truly,

W. R. MASON.

NEW YORK, October 18, 1897.

DEAR BROTHER WHITTED:—It is with very great reluctance I write to say that I cannot be present at the North Carolina Baptist State Convention at Charlotte to fulfill my appointment. For more than a week now, I have been very unwell, suffering a great deal of pain, and unable to do more than the ordinary duties of my office. While I am decidedly better, and hope within a few days to be quite myself again, I do not deem it prudent to make the journey to Charlotte, which would require me to travel two nights. I regret this very much, because I had anticipated a great deal of pleasure in the visit. Please convey to the brethren my very best wishes and my earnest hope that they may have an exceptionally interesting and profitable session.

With kindest personal regards I am,

Yours fraternally,

T. J. MORGAN,

Corresponding Secretary.

GREENSBORO, N. C., October 18, 1897.

To the President and Brethren of the Educational and Missionary Convention to Convene in Charlotte, N. C., October 19, 1897:

DEAR BRETHREN: The Parents' Convention of North

Carolina, which held its First Annual Session in Raleigh, July 28, 29 and 30 of the present year, sends greetings and bids you God-speed in your laudable efforts to educate and elevate the masses of our commonwealth. The next annual sitting of the Conference will take place July 1898, in the town of Reidsville, N. C.

We would be pleased to welcome fraternal delegates from your Convention at our next annual session.

With sentiments of Christian regards,

I am respectfully,

MRS. E. E. SMITH,
President Parents' Conference.

GREENSBORO, N. C., October 19, 1897.

DEAR BRETHREN OF CONVENTION: I have been anxious for months to see the time arrive for the sitting of the Convention, expecting to be able to be present at the session. Even as late as yesterday I hoped to have the pleasure to be in attendance upon the Convention, but this morning finds me so circumstanced that I am forced to relinquish all hopes of attending the present session of the Convention.

Though unable to be present in person, brethren, I thank God that I can send my representative—my check for the pittance of \$5, which is accompanied by my sincere prayers to God that his choicest benedictions may rest upon the brethren while they deliberate.

Please read Phillipians, 2d chapter, 1-5 inclusive, while I remain yours with sentiments of distinguished brotherly considerations.

E. E. SMITH.

P. S.—Donation for Shaw University.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C., October 21, 1897.

To the Baptist Convention of North Carolina, from Biddle University, Greetings:

As a seat of learning, secular and sacred, Biddle University, recognizing the great and important work which you are doing along similar lines through your various institutions of learning, and also that of church extension, all of which is contributing so largely to the welfare of our people and to the glory of Christ—

We unite with others in welcoming you to the com-

munity and wish for a pleasant and prosperous sojourn among us.

On behalf the faculty and students, I hereby cordially invite you to visit the institution at such time as may suit your convenience. Also individual members of the Convention will be welcomed at any time.

Fraternally yours,

D. J. SANDERS, *President.*

AN EXPLANATION.

Whereas, there has been existing dissatisfaction concerning the action of the Board of Managers towards Rev. R. J. Walden, D. D., in 1896, in that his name having been promulgated as District Missionary-elect, and yet, for some unexplained reason the said Dr. Walden was not permitted to enter upon the duties of said position: We, therefore, desire. (1) To express our deep regret at the misunderstanding produced by this unfortunate occurrence; he has the support and confidence of the Board of Managers. (2) And we hereby affirm our confidence in the integrity, character, and Christian virtues of Dr. Walden, and (3) commend him to the brethren and churches of the State as a co-laborer and a minister of the highest standing, and worthy of respect and confidence.

Fraternally,

J. J. WORLDS,
W. A. PATTILO,
C. S. BROWN,
A. W. PEGUES,
A. SHEPARD,

Members of the Board of Managers.

ROLL OF DELEGATES AND BODIES REPRESENTED.

Associations.

1. West Roanoke—Thos. Sharp, J. C. Williams, C. S. Brown.
2. Old Eastern—H. H. Hall, M. D. Matthewson, T. S. Evans, C. C. Lawson, W. R. Slade.

3. Pee Dee Association—H. I. Quick, S. M. Wall, W. H. Woodard.
4. Wake Association—D. J. Avery, A. W. Pegues, T. W. Perry, J. J. Worlds.
5. Johnston Baptist Association—E. B. Blake, A. A. Jones, T. B. Edwards, W. T. H. Woodard.
6. Lake Waccamaw—J. A. Spaulding, D. J. Moore.
7. Zion Association—J. A. Funderburk, J. F. Davis.
8. Yadkin Valley Association—R. B. Watts.
9. Yadkin and Davie—A. B. Clark.
10. Shiloh (Western)—R. D. Harris, A. Lewis.
11. Rowan Association—C. L. Davis, S. H. Witherspoon, G. W. Moore, J. O. Crosby.
12. New Hope Association—R. W. Brown, G. W. Moore, E. H. Cole.
13. New Berne Eastern—L. P. Martin, W. H. Pender.
14. Lanes Creek Association—G. W. Brewer, J. D. Blakeley.
15. Union Association—J. D. Liles, G. R. Richardson.
16. Kenansville Eastern—D. T. Best, W. C. Cowan, N. Moore, Thos. Parker.
17. Yadkin Association—Washington Leak.
18. Shiloh (Eastern)—A. P. Eaton, M. T. Hawkins.
19. Neuse River Association—O. B. Alston.
20. Western Baptist Convention—W. T. Minter.
21. Womans State Convention—Mrs. M. C. Ransom.

Individual Churches Represented.

- First Baptist Church, Charlotte—A. Shepard, N. P. French.
- Liberty Baptist Church, Wake County—G. W. Perry.
- Friendship Church, Charlotte—C. H. Williamson.
- Mt. Zion, Salisbury—M. A. Alexander.
- Ebenezer Church, Charlotte—C. L. Davis, L. D. Wilson, Wm. Anderson.
- Central Baptist, Wilmington—B. B. Hill.
- First Baptist, Greensboro—S. H. Witherspoon.
- First Baptist, Winston—G. W. Holland.
- Gethsemane, Franklin County; Riley Hill, Wake County; St. Matthew, Wake County; Malervers Cross Roads, Wake County—H. Pair.
- First Baptist, Raleigh—J. J. Worlds.

First Baptist, Salisbury—W. T. Minter.
 Oxford Baptist Church—W. A. Pattilo.
 Second Baptist, Greensboro—S. S. Henderson.
 Warsaw Baptist Church, Warsaw Home Mission So-
 ciety, Payson Chapel, Duplin—A. Parker.
 New Holly Grove, Bertie—Thos Sharp.
 King Emmanuel, Charlotte—G. S. Solomon.
 Little Wheel of Hope—L. D. Graham.
 Madison Grove, Wadesboro—J. A. Funderbark.

Individual Members.

S. W. Dockery, Maxton ; W. T. Minter, Salisbury ; A.
 B. Vincent, Raleigh ; S. L. Johnson (Life Member) ; W.
 R. Mason, Boykins, Va. ; P. F. Maloy, Greensboro ; J.
 A. Whitted, Raleigh ; C. C. Sommerville, Rocky Mount ;
 M. T. Hawkins, Kittrells.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

To the Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

DEAR BRETHREN—I have the honor of submitting for your consideration my annual report as Corresponding Secretary and General Missionary under the Plan of Co-operation as adopted by this Christian body two years ago. One year ago I was elected to fill this responsible position so ably filled by my predecessor, Rev. C. S. Brown. I could not have hoped to have filled it so well as he did, nor could I have succeeded as well as I have, had it not been for the efficient services of the men you have given me as my co-laborers, and the constant encouragement, advice and prayers of the brethren, to whom I owe a lasting debt of gratitude. We have tried as best we could to carry out the policy of the Plan, and labored in every possible way to make the work practicable and profitable. We have tried to make our brethren feel that our work was in no way selfish, but we labored for the good of all; not confined to the objects of the Convention, nor the objects outlined in the Plan, but whatever local interests they fostered we have tried to encourage by our personal contributions and eliciting the support of the people. We have tried to interest ourselves and others in whatever we found of interest to the people. Especially has this been true so far as our educational interest has been concerned. There was a time when our denominational schools were confined to Shaw University, but now our State is dotted with secondary and primary schools for the education of the children and the young people of our denomination. Our missionaries have been fully alive to their duty of stirring up our people to send Baptist children to Baptist schools and colleges, and could a careful record be had it would be found that many of our Pedo-Baptist institutions are deprived of many of our boys and girls whom they have formerly had. Realizing the fact that when our future church is properly educated and indoctrinated in the great principles of the Word of God missions of every kind will be easily prosecuted. Our denominational schools must of necessity be the founda-

tion to our mission work. We have great reason to congratulate ourselves upon our progress in education. Our University has made many improvements. The attendance in the past year has been larger, the quality of the student body better than in any previous year of its history. This year it opened with a still larger number of students. Some credit should at least be given to our missionaries. Whereas in previous years men of other churches, agents and teachers of other denominational institutions, would go into our families and select our brightest and most promising boys and girls, our missionaries and persons whom they have stirred have secured many of these boys and girls for our own schools, and to-day not less than fourteen hundred are in our schools, pursuing academic and higher training.

President Meserve and Shaw University are to be congratulated upon the special stress they are now laying on the Theological Department. Last year it was under the able management of that scholarly and Christian gentleman, Rev. J. H. Scott. This year it is under a gentleman whose ability is known the State over, Dr. A. W. Pegues. Not only may our ministers enjoy its benefits by attending the institution, but a plan for study by correspondence is devised—a theological department carried even to the home of every minister in the State. It is hoped that many of our ministers will avail themselves of the opportunity offered through this theological extension. It is hoped that at this sitting of the Convention plans may be devised and money raised for this special department. If we could give only a hundred dollars now it would be a great stimulus as an aid fund to those who wish to unite with this department. Already the influences of the Missionary Training School connected with the University are being felt in the homes, in the churches and elsewhere, and our missionaries have done all in their power to secure suitable young ladies to pursue this course.

As a means of prosecuting our work, we have continued the publication of the *Baptist Quarterly*, so ably edited by Dr. Roberts last year. We have extended the circulation until the number of its subscribers has increased, through the aid of our missionaries, to the number of thirteen hundred. The only objection it meets is that it does not put in its appearance often enough for its subscribers. The

Board has tried to meet this objection, and offers to the Convention the first issue of the *Baptist Review*, which will be submitted to this Convention to adopt as its official organ, through which the Baptists of North Carolina may speak to each other and the outside world. This is no small undertaking, and to succeed with such an undertaking it must have not only the endorsement, but the unqualified support of all.

The work of co-operation has been prosecuted during the year with such earnestness and zeal by all the brethren in the districts. Not so much has been published about the work, but its influences are felt everywhere. The Institutes have been especially characterized as spiritual and edifying. As an evidence of the eagerness for Institutes to be held, in many places in the State the brethren have been compelled to hold mass-meetings conducted somewhat similarly, to satisfy the demands made upon them. Such meetings were held at Wilson, Jackson, Scotland Neck and Magnolia. Could the brethren who have so generously contributed to this work hear the many testimonials, as we go over the State, expressive of the gratification felt by the people, they would feel amply repaid for their generosity. We have often felt that if our Institute work did no more than bring the brethren of the ministry in closer touch with each other, that of itself would pay for the time and means spent in the work. They are not only succeeding in bringing them closer together, but a wonderful improvement and development is peculiarly manifest among them. From it they catch an inspiration which is noticable to the congregations, and we often hear it said, "Our pastor preaches better now than ever." We do not teach him how to preach, but we do claim that it gives him new ideas and new inspiration for study and preparation.

Your attention is now directed to the collections for the year. We have no excuse to offer, except the stringency of the times, which we all have felt keenly.

COLLECTIONS FROM ALL SOURCES—REPORT OF J. A. WHITTFD, GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Durham, \$3; Murfreesboro, \$4.50; Jackson, \$5.50; Oxford, \$4; Franklinton, \$3.50; Chapel Hill, \$3.66; Scotland Neck, \$3.30; Spring Hill, \$2.50; First African

Baptist, Goldsboro, \$2.50; Indian Woods, \$2.60; Greensboro, \$10; Warrenton, \$22; Woman's Convention, \$5; Warren County Convention, \$5; Phillipi, \$3; Shiloh Association, \$5; Windsor, \$10; Cedar Landing, \$8; Durham, \$5; Mt. Moriah, \$10; Wake County Union, \$4; Chapel Hill, \$5; Blount Street, \$12; Hillsboro, \$7.30; Fayetteville, \$7.20; Haywood, 5.65; Louisville, \$2.50; Piney Woods Chapel \$10; Rockingham, \$1; Poplar Springs, \$1; South Winton, \$4.50; St. Paul, \$5; Spring Garden, \$2.50; Miss Hester Diamond, mother and sister, \$6; West Roanoke Association \$25; Sandy Point, \$3.06; Gethsemane, \$4; St. Matthews, \$3.50; St. Mary's \$4.66; Rolesville, \$4; Oxford, \$55.90; Raleigh, \$12.04; Charlotte, \$6; Mt. Airy, \$9.50; Cary, Foreign Missions, \$2.50.

COLLECTIONS, WESTERN DISTRICT, REV. P. F. MALOY, MISSIONARY.

Shelby, \$11.73; Wadesboro, 27.05; Concord, (Snow Storm) 1.10; Reidsville, 5; Winston, 15.25. Total Institute collections, 60.13.

Churches.—Ebenezer, Kings Mountain, Nov. 2, \$3.17; Alison Grove, Concord, Nov. 9, 3.

First Baptist, Wadesboro, Nov. 15, 2.05; Phillipi, Lane's church, 1.55; Flint Ridge, Marshville, Nov. 22, 1.69. Total for Nov. 11.46.

December.—1st Baptist, Reidsville, 3; Baptist church, Wentworth, 1.80; Mt. Zion, Winston, 2.65. Total 6.45.

Jan. '97.—Baptist church, High Point, 4.60; Baptist Sunday-school, High Point, 1; Oak Grove church, Sage Garden, 55 cents; Oak Grove Sunday-school, Sage Garden, 66 cents; Mt. Pleasant, Winston, 2.15; Mt. Rising Ebenezer, Winston, 1.50; Liberty Zion, Trinity, 3.50; Liberty Zion Sunday-school, Trinity, 1.10. Total 16.61.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES, INSTITUTES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS—2ND QUARTER.

Thomasvill Baptist church, 3.20; Zion Baptist church, Salisbury, 2.02; Dixonville Baptist church, Salisbury, 3.06; Emaus' Baptist church, Statesville, 4.31; St. John's Baptist church, Statesville, 1.55.

Sunday-schools, February.—Thomasville, 75 cents; Zion Baptist, Salisbury, 80 cents; Statesville, 55 cents; Woman's Missionary Society, First Baptist church, Salisbury, 1.74; Woman's Missionary Society, Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, 1.33.

March.—Shady Grove church, Salisbury, 2.50; Sunday-school, 92 cents; Henderson Grove Church, Salisbury, 1.00; Mt. Carmel church, Charlotte, 4.10; Ebenezer church Charlotte, 5.00; First Baptist church, Charlotte, 3.65.

April.—First Baptist Church, Monroe, 6.88; Mt. Sinai church, Mt. Holly, 5.17; Sunday-school, 93 cents.

Institute collections at High Point, February, 7.54; Salisbury, March, 9.04; Charlotte, March, 11.51; Monroe, April, 18.06.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 3RD QUARTER.

May.—Liberty Grove, Trinity, \$6.25; Thomasville church, Thomas, 50 cents; Institute at Gastonia, 20.51; Baptist church, Dallas, 2.15; Mt. Moriah Mission, Belmont, 3.00; Springfield church, Stanley, 4.70; New Zion, Rutherfordton, 2.60; New Zion Sunday-school, Rutherfordton, 1.00; Institute at Rutherfordton, 16.00; Union Meeting, Paw Creek, 6.00.

June.—Golden Grove, Knights, \$2.75; Ebenezer, Knights, 5.50; Macedonia, Taylorsville, 3.36; Institute at Statesville, 12.66; Morning Star, Hickory, 5.15.

July.—Institute at Greensboro, \$15; 1st Baptist, Reidsville, 3.51; Waynesville church, 2.02; 1st Baptist, Asheville, 7.60.

FOURTH QUARTER.

August.—West End Mission, Winston, \$1.60; Yadkin and Davie Association, 8.00; Mud Creek Association, 5.00; Rowan Association, 12.00; McDowell Association, 5.30; Institute at Mt. Zion church, Asheville, 30.02; Woman's Missionary Society, High Point, 3.50.

September.—Ebenezer, Pearley, \$6; Sunday-school, Pearley, 1.50; Institute at Reidsville, 16.72; Damascus, Wilkesboro, 5.00; Institute at Wilkesboro, 22.00.

October.—Baptist church, Wadesboro, \$2.32; Yadkin Association, 10.00; Zion Association, 17.00; Institute at

Wadesboro, 15.70; 1st Baptist church, Salisbury, 2.25; Zion church, Salisbury, 3.28.

Collections for 4th quarter from August 1st to October 31st, 1897.

Receipts from the Central District from November 1, 1896 to October 19, 1897. Total \$550.

REV. A. B. VINCENT, *Missionary*.

Gray's Creek church, Rev. H. C. McDonald, pastor, 7.08; Baptist church at Mebane, Rev. J. H. Dunston, pastor, 1.40; Institute at Savannah church, Rev. W. H. Anders, pastor, 13.20; Cray's Creek church, Rev. H. C. McDonald, pastor, 2.90; Institute at Selma Baptist church, Rev. E. B. Blake, pastor 20.00; Lumberton Institute, Rev. S. W. Dockery, pastor, 28.34; Maxton Baptist church, Rev. S. W. Dockery, pastor, 2.00; Nashville Baptist church, Rev. J. J. Hines, pastor, 1.51; Rockingham Institute, Rev. D. M. Jackson, pastor, 20.05; Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Rev. P. T. Hall, pastor, 2.08; Friendship, Forestville, Rev. W. Jones, 3.12

Total for quarter ending February 1, 1897, \$109.50.

Elm City, Home Mission Society, \$1.75; William's Chapel, 70 cents; Oaky Grove, Rev. A. A. Jones, 58 cents; Clayton church, Rev. A. A. Jones, 1.53; Kittrell church, Rev. D. J. Avera, 53 cents; Institute, Blount, Street church, Raleigh, Rev. F. R. Howell, 100; Institute, Piney Grove church, Rev. T. O. Fuller, pastor, 19.04; Institute, Seaboard church, Rev. H. Clements, 20.50; Institute church, Jackson, J. W. Wood, 1.54; Zoor Baptist church, Rev. H. Clements, 2.00; Maranda Hall, Edmond Owens, Kittrell, 75 cents; Laurenburg church, Rev. D. W. Jackson, 1.05; Forestville church, 45 cents; Clayton and Selma, 77 cents; Institute Clayton, Rev. A. A. Jones, 24.50; Miss Katie Rogers, Kittrell (deceased), 1.00; William Montgomery, Mebane, 25 cents; Institute, Wilson Baptist church, Rev. W. T. H. Woodard, 15.24; Sunday-school Convention, Franklin County, Rev. J. A. Hinkins 2.00; Prof. L. N. Neal, Franklinton, 50 cents; Spring Hill church, Rev. H. C. McDonald, 10.37; Flat Swamp church, Idaho, Rev. N. B. Dunham, 1.19; Pleasant Grove church, Rev. N. B. Dunham, 55 cents.

Total for quarter ending May 1, 1897, \$202.

Baptist church, Elm City, Rev. N. L. Arrington, pastor, 1.00; Baptist church, Chapel Hill, Rev. L. H. Hackney, 1.00; Institute, Graham, Rev. F. A. Long, pastor, 10.42; East Cedar Grove Association and Union meeting, Rev. J. M. Taylor, 7.60; Institute at Red Springs church, Rev. W. H. Anders, 10.64; Johnson Sunday-school Union, Jeffrey Jones, 75 cents; Bethel church, Richmond County, Rev. H. S. Quick, 1.00; Laurenburg church, Rev. D. M. Jackson, 75 cents; Presby church, Mebane, Rev. Harrison, 1.17; Wake Baptist Grove, Rev. R. B. Jones, 66 cents; High Point Association, S. Thomas, 6.00; Wake Association, Rev. Jos. Perry, 20.00; Institute at Wakefield, Rev. G. W. Perry, 13.34; Yadkin Valley Association, Rev. R. B. Watts (foreign missions), 10.00; Johnston District, Union Meeting, 65 cents; Shiloh Association, Rev. J. Alston, 5.00; General, 1.34; Hillsboro Institute, 18.68; Lake Waccamaw Union, Rev. D. J. Moore, 10.00; Union Hill, Rev. B. Harpes, pastor, 3.00; Reedy Creek Association, W. H. Warwick, Clerk and Rev. Mayes, 7.00; Sandy Plain church, Rev. D. J. Moore, 1.00; White Pond, Rev. D. J. Moore, 1.36; Little Wheel of Hope, Rev. D. J. Moore, 50 cents; Institute at Hub, Rev. H. Gore, 21.00; Mt. Olive church, Rev. Geo. Williams, 65 cents; Springfield church, Rev. A. A. Jones, 1.00; New Hope Association, Rev. J. H. Caldwell, 10.00; Pee Dee Association, Rev. D. M. Jackson, 10.00; Baptist church, Ceyser, Rev. J. J. Hines, 2.55; Lake Maccamaw Association, D. J. Moore, 3.00; Union Association, Rev. N. B. Dunham, and Sunday-school Union, 12.50; Union Association for foreign mission, 21.55; Johnston District Association.

Last quarter, \$176.50.

REV. C. C. SOMERVILLE, DISTRICT MISSIONARY.

Windsor, \$26.05; Zion Hill, 1.00; St. Paul, 1.50; Spring Garden, 1.15; Washington, 22.00; Jones church, 1.00; New Hope, 3.10; South Winton, 5.00; Harrell's Chapel, 4.00; Aulander, 25.00; Pleasant Plains, 8.03; Ahoske, 5.03; Jordan's Grove, 25 cents; Mt. Moriah, 8.00; Murfreesboro, 2.04; Rich Square, 58 cents; Kilford, 1.35; Greenville, 4.40; Eastern Union Meeting, 2.05; Galilee, 4.52; Corner Stone, 20.31; Gale Street, 3.15; St. Stephen, 5.60; Tilbrig's Chapel, 1.02; Crowell's X Roads, 1.06; Little Zion,

1.00; St Paul, 1.25; New Bethel, 15 cents; St. James, 70 cents; Union Hill, 1.75; 1st Baptist, Rocky Mount, 18.45; 1st Baptist, Goldsboro, 8.37; Williamston, 1.01; Zion Hill; 2.55; Spring Garden, 2.00; Hayes' Chapel, 2.50; Triumph, 34 cents; Wilk's Chapel, 7.00; New Bern, 20.62; Shiloh, 50 cents; Bear Swamp, 2.73; Magnolia, 1.30; Shiloh, 2.05; Burgaw, 2.00; Central Wilmington, 25 cents, Ebenezer, 55 cents; Shiloh, 10.06; Cedar Grove, 1.45; Mt. Shiloh, 2.00; St. John's, 1.00; Rock Peter, 25 cents; Crowell's X Roads, 3.28; Providence, 17.50; Powellsville, 3.74; Ahoskie, 3.26; Eprew, 5.00; St. Phillip, 5.55; St. James Temple, 3.00; 1st Baptist, Clinton, 25.00; Mt. Zion, 1.50; 1st Baptist, Enfield, 4.92; Piney Woods Chapel, 11.36; Jacksonville, 11.10; Adoram, 17.50; Harrell's Chapel, 17.78; Red Hill, 10.58; Little Zion, 88 cents; Tillery's, 35 cents; Hobgood, 36 cents; New Hope, 15.00; Magnolia, (W. H. M.) 1.00; Magnolia Baptist, 4.52; Magnolia, 4.48; Mt. Zion, 3.60; Murfreesboro, 75 cents; Potecasi, 5.11; Union Meeting, 2.00; Union Union 2.00; Tarboro, 50 cents; Chapel, 60 cents; St. Paul, 12.50; Pleasant Plains, 6.00; Mt. Moriah, 2.00; James Lawrence, 50 cents; Henry Ruffin, 66 cents; West Roanoke, 15.25; Old Eastern, 20.00; Bear Creek, 7.41; Windsor, 3.50, New Chapel, 2.03; St. John's, 1.58; Fresh River, 3.25; W. H. Haddock, 25 cents; Kenansville Eastern, 5.10; W. N. Williams, 30 cents; Mary E. Sovett, 42; R. V. Jones, 50 cents. Aggregate, \$521.99.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31ST, 1897.

On hand October 24th, 1896.....\$270 84

TOTAL COLLECTIONS:

J. A. Whitted	\$300 06
A. B. Vincent	550 78
P. F. Maloy	479 86
C. C. Somerville.....	511 49
A. S. Dunston.....	50 34
F. W. Wallace.....	24 50
Co-operating bodies—Institute expenses.....	161 76—\$2,349 63

DISBURSEMENTS—For Co-operation:

To J. A. Whitted, salary and expenses.....	\$450 00
“ A. B. Vincent, “ “ “	300 00
“ P. F. Maloy, “ “ “	300 00
“ C. C. Somerville, “ “ “	287 50
“ A. S. Dunston, “ “ “	100 50
“ F. W. Wallace, “ “ “	60 00
“ Joshua Perry, “ “ “	37 50
“ R. R. expenses and Lecturers at Institutes...	230 10
“ Capital Printing Company	280 00— 1,965 60

DISBURSEMENTS—General Items:

To mailing the <i>Quarterly</i>	\$ 14 75
“ educational purposes.....	15 04
“ Foreign Missions.....	54 74
“ church erection	66 70
“ National Baptist Convention.....	14 25
“ office rent.....	30 00
“ postage for Corresponding Secretary.....	15 96
“ incidental expenses of Institutes.....	7 04
“ Shaw University.....	25 00
“ Railroad expenses of Board of Managers....	38 30
“ A. B. Publication Society	12 60
“ Oxford Orphan Asylum.....	10 28
“ First Church, Wilmington, N. C	10 00
“ Sexton.....	1 50
“ Statistician.....	5 00
“ Prof. C. S. Meserve.....	6 00
“ Recording Secretary.....	15 00— \$342 16
Total receipts.....	\$2,349 63
Total disbursements.....	2,307 76
Balance on hand.....	41 87

NEW ERA INSTITUTES FOR YEAR ENDING OCT. 31, 1897.

PLACES.	Colored Lecturers.	White Lecturers.	Ministers Present.	Aggregate Congregation.	Money Collected.
Windsor	2	2	24	1,500	\$ 25 05
Washington	3	2	13	1,000	22 41
Savannah	2	8	700	13 20	
Selma	4	3	19	700	20 00
Aulander	3	2	15	500	25 00
Lumberton	3	3	18	800	27 58
Rockingham	2	2	16	800	20 05
Wadesboro	3	24	1,000	27 00	
Concord	3	7	400	1 10	
Reidsville	4	1	7	500	5 00
Winston	3	2	12	900	15 25
High Point	2	3	16	700	7 54
Elizabeth City	4	1	20	1,000	20 30
Rutherfordton	3	2	10	600	15 00
Gastonia	4	1	20	1,000	17 50
Seaboard	3	3	11	500	20 50
Rocky Mount	2	3	12	800	18 45
Tarboro	3	6	7	700	12 50
Edenton	4	15	700	18 00	
Wilmington	2	11	600	10 61	
Wallace	4	10	700	17 50	
Clinton	6	1	20	1,000	25 00
Newbern	4	1	25	1,000	20 62
Harrellsville	4	1	18	800	17 70
New Hope	4	1	12	1,000	15 00
Wilson	2	1	10	700	15 34
Statesville	3	2	15	600	12 56
Salisbury	5	1	15	800	9 00
Charlotte	5	1	15	800	11 00
Winston	3	2	10	300	15 00
Reidsville	4	2	11	600	16 00
Asheville	6	20	1,000	30 00	
Wilkesboro	2	1	12	500	21 00
Greensboro	2	2	14	550	15 00
Greenville	2	1	1	150	4 40
Raleigh	6	6	60	1,500	100 00
Graham	3	1	13	400	10 44
Red Springs	3	2	10	300	10 62
Monroe	3	4	18	450	18 06
Hub	2	1	8	300	21 00
Hillsboro	4	10	400	18 50	
Wakefield	3	10	600	13 34	
Piny Grove	2	2	6	600	18 04
Clayton	2	1	15	500	24 50
Wadesboro	3	1	19	700	18 00
	151	70	669		\$ 841 64

From the foregoing table it will be seen that there were held in the State during the past year forty-five Institutes, there being one hundred and fifty-two colored lecturers and seventy white lecturers. There were six hundred and sixty ministers in attendance, and thirty-one thousand six hundred aggregate congregation. The collections were eight hundred and forty-dollars and eighty-four cents. Much praise is due the lecturers, white and colored, for their valuable services, both in the character of their lectures and, in many instances, of their own personal contributions toward our collections. The results of the work are already seen and felt everywhere. The attendance of the laity has been remarkable, and much interest is manifest among them. This to our mind is a hopeful sign, for if the laity are awakened to the needs of the pulpit they will not rest until their pulpits are filled by our very best men.

SYNOPSIS OF WORK DONE BY MISSIONARIES FOR YEAR
ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1897.

MISSIONARIES.	DISTRICTS.	Weeks of Service.	Institutes Attended.	Sermons Preached.	Addresses.	Baptized.	Churches Organized.	Churches Visited.	Miles Traveled.
J. A. Whitted	General . .	52	32	64	162	.....	.....	94	15,948
P. F. Maloy	Western . .	52	18	120	13	.....	1	59	6,383
A. B. Vincent	Central . .	52	15	56	132	.....	.....	38	5,340
C. C. Somerville	Eastern . .	49½	14	88	99	.....	.....	52	6,432
A. S. Dunston	Eastern . .	12	1	32	54	.....	.....	25	1,430
F. W. Wallace	Western . .	12	.....	20	25	14	3	35	1,500
		229	80	280	485	14	3	303	37,034

Our missionaries have allied themselves with the churches, assisted them in many instances in raising funds for the erection of houses of worship and in their many objects of charity. Our aim has been to impress the great need of systematic giving upon the churches and Associations. Until all the great objects of our work in the local church, in the home and foreign fields, are given due attention by the individuals composing our churches, we

cannot hope to do the much-needed work for education and missions. Petitions are coming in to the Board from all portions of the State for more laborers, and but for the lack of funds many more would be employed. Two local missionaries, however, have been appointed and have been laboring for the past three months with great profit. Rev. A. S. Dunston, of Hertford, has been appointed for the extreme section of eastern North Carolina. His success in raising money and doing real missionary work has been far more than the Board expected. His report shows much destitution in certain portions of the east. He recommends that a church should be erected in the town of Southport, even if it should turn out that the whole work would have to be carried by the Convention itself for a short time, as this plan seems to his mind to be the only hope of the people thereabout.

Rev. F. W. Wallace has been employed to labor beyond the Blue Ridge Mountains. He reports several churches organized, a number of vacant pulpits supplied. Had the Board the means in hand, three missionaries could give their entire time to this section with very great profit. It is hoped at least that means sufficient may be raised to continue a local missionary for the next twelve months for the Blue Ridge section. The Board hopes to enter into some kind of arrangements with the Publication Society to supply this missionary with literature to scatter on the way.

Rev. D. J. Moore has just begun his work as local missionary in the southern portion of the State in compliance with the renewed petitions from that section of the State for additional missionary force.

Little more may be said of foreign missions than was said last year. A little upward of one hundred dollars have been raised on the field, and a part is still in the treasury, to be forwarded soon. The Board hopes to give more attention to foreign missions in the ensuing year than heretofore. The missionaries will be required to take collections, and it is earnestly hoped that the response will be so great that North Carolina may take the front rank among her sister States in sending the Gospel to perishing Africa. All we need, brethren, is that each one of us should feel that there is a part for us to do, and the day is not far distant when we may not only see our own State reclaimed for our cause, but everywhere the watchword shall be "One Lord, one faith and one baptism."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WHITTED.

REPORT OF TREASURER, OCTOBER 20, 1897.

RECEIPTS DURING CONVENTION YEAR.

From Finance Committee, Greensboro.....	\$ 270 85
“ Revs. J. A. Whitted and P. F. Maloy.....	84 37
“ Rev. C. S. Brown.....	11 25
“ Dr. N. F. Roberts.....	33 50
“ Rev. W. F. Roberts.....	24 31
“ Wake Association.....	15 00
“ Rev. J. A. Whitted.....	425 31
“ Rev. A. B. Vincent.....	550 78
“ C. C. Somerville.....	500 75
“ P. F. Maloy.....	451 64
“ A. S. Dunston.....	54 00
“ Credit by notes.....	347 85
Total.....	\$2,709 51

DISBURSEMENTS DURING AND SINCE LAST CONVENTION.

To Rev. R. Shepard, for Orphan Asylum.....	\$ 10 28
“ N. C. Bruce, traveling expenses.....	12 60
“ Rev. S. N. Vass, for A. B. P. Society.....	12 64
“ Shaw University.....	31 00
“ Oxford Baptist Church.....	15 00
“ First Baptist Church, Wilmington.....	10 00
“ Baptist Church, Warsaw.....	5 00
“ Rev. J. O. Crosby, Institute expenses.....	4 50
“ Rev. Joshua Perry, local missionary.....	37 50
“ Barnes Printing Company.....	382 95
“ Sexton at Greensboro.....	2 00
“ Statistical Secretary.....	5 00
“ Rev. C. C. Somerville, Recording Secretary.....	15 00
“ Rev. W. A. Patillo, traveling expenses.....	3 05
“ Rev. H. Cowan, donation by Convention.....	3 44
“ Rev. C. S. Brown, expenses on account of Institute.....	13 60
“ Rev. C. C. Somerville, missionary.....	25 00
“ J. A. Whitted, on account of Institute.....	6 65
“ Rev. W. A. Patillo, expenses to Board meeting.....	2 30
“ Rev. A. Shepard, expenses to Board meeting.....	7 00
“ Rev. J. H. Scott, expenses on account of Institute.....	7 80
“ Foreign Missions.....	69 74
“ Institute, expenses for lecturers.....	196 76
“ office rent General Missionary.....	30 00
“ educational purposes.....	21 04
“ mailing Quarterlies.....	14 75
“ To postage and incidental expenses.....	20 79
“ J. A. Whitted, salary and traveling expenses.....	425 00
“ Rev. A. B. Vincent, salary and traveling expenses.....	285 00
“ Rev. P. F. Maloy, salary and traveling expenses.....	285 00
“ Rev. C. C. Somerville, salary and traveling expenses.....	272 50
“ for erecting churches.....	66 70
“ Rev. A. S. Dunston, salary and traveling expenses.....	100 00
“ Rev. F. W. Wallace, salary and traveling expenses.....	60 00
Total.....	\$2,399 59
Balance on hand.....	\$370 36

A. W. PEGUES, *Treasurer.*

Raleigh, N. C. October 20, 1897.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

West Roanoke :	
For Convention.....	\$31 00
For Foreign Missions	8 77
For Orphan Asylum	21 62
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	\$61 39
Middle District :	
For Convention.....	\$10 00
Old Eastern.....	25 50
Pee Dee.....	13 00
Wake Baptist.....	19 00
Johnston Baptist.....	17 00
Lake Waccamaw.....	5 50
Zion.....	10 00
Yadkin Valley.....	4 00
Yadkin and Davie.....	5 00
West Shiloh.....	5 00
New Hope.....	10 00
Lane's Creek.....	7 50
Union.....	6 50
Yadkin.....	8 00
New Berne.....	5 00
Woman's State Convention for Foreign Missions.....	10 00
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	\$220 39
Churches :	
Lilesville.....	\$1 00
Friendship, Charlotte.....	1 00
Ebenezer, Charlotte.....	1 00
First (Charlotte) to Foreign Missions.....	2 00
To Home Missions.....	1 50
To Orphan Asylum.....	1 50
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	\$60 00
Liberty.....	\$1 00
First Church, Salisbury.....	1 00
Mt. Zion, Salisbury.....	1 00
First Church, Greensboro.....	1 00
Central Church, Wilmington.....	1 00
First Church, Winston.....	1 00
Gethsemane.....	1 00
St. Matthews.....	1 00
Riley Hill.....	1 00
Malaby Cross Roads.....	1 00
First Church, Raleigh.....	1 00
First Church, Keyser.....	1 00
Hogwood.....	1 00
Warsaw Convention.....	1 00
To Foreign Missions.....	1 50
To Home Missions.....	50
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	\$16 00
Mills Chapel.	
To Foreign Missions.....	50
To Home Missions.....	50

King Emanuel Sunday-school.

To Foreign Missions.....	25
To Convention.....	25

 \$1 50

From Ministers :

T. Sharp.....	\$1 00
W. R. Mason.....	1 00
S. N. Vass.....	1 00
P. F. Maloy.....	1 00
A. B. Vincent.....	1 00
C. C. Somerville.....	1 00
S. L. Johnston (Life).....	5 00
J. A. Whitted.....	1 00
S. S. Henderson.....	1 00
D. Freen.....	1 00

 \$15 50

BY COLLECTIONS.

For Convention :

Tuesday night.....	\$ 2 03
Wednesday.....	2 28
To Publication Society.....	10 12
To Shaw.....	13 00
To O. B. Alston.....	5 00
To old ministers.....	5 75
To Orphan Asylum.....	11 25

 \$49 43

Notes From Associations :

Rowan.....	30 days, \$28 00
Neuse River.....	30 days, 25 00
Kenansville.....	60 days, 10 00
Union.....	30 days, 3 00

 In notes.....\$66 00

Shiloh Association..... 10 00

Grand Total Raised :

From Associations in cash.....	\$220 39
From churches.....	25 50
From individuals.....	14 00
From collections.....	49 43

 Total.....\$309 32

By notes or promises..... 66 00

 Grand total.....\$375 32

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. MINTER, *Secretary.*

S. H. WITHERSPOON.

NEW BERNE, N. C., November 18, 1897.

Rev. J. A. Whitted.

SIR: We brothers met and have decided that our church would become a member of the Baptist State Convention. So you can enter it on the Minutes.

I am not prepared to give its full value, but I can give the name of church: Pilgrim's Chapel; post-office, James City, N. C. Its value, as near as I can get at it, is about twelve hundred dollars. Its pastor, none; its membership, 140; amount given for mission work, \$4.07; Clerk, J. T. Perry; Deacons, Auston Murray and John Daniel.

Therefore we are in part, under the watch of the Convention.

Yours,

DAVID FOY.

TIME AND PLACES FOR NEW ERA INSTITUTES FOR 1898.

Western District, Rev. P. F. Maloy, Missionary.

Greensboro, January 4—6.
 Winston, January 25—27.
 Salisbury, February 15—17.
 High Point, March 8—10.
 Charlotte, March 29—31.
 Ansoville, April 19—21.
 Shelby, May 10—12.
 Statesville, May 31—June 2.
 Reidsville, June 21—23.
 Asheville, July 12—14.
 Davidson River, August 2—4.
 Waynesville, August 23—25.
 Gastonia, September 13—15.
 Mt. Holly, October 4—6.
 Wilkesboro, October 25—27.
 Deep Creek, November 15—17.
 Monroe, December, 6—8.

Central District, Rev. A. B. Vincent, Missionary.

Hilly Branch, January 11—13.
 Fair Bluff, February 1—3.
 Ashpole, February 22—24.
 Gray's Creek, March 15—17.
 Wilmington, April 5—7.
 Weldon, April 26—28.
 Lumber Bridge, May 17—19.
 Mt. Olive, June 7—9.

Ashboro, June 28—30.
 Pittsboro, July 19—21.
 Spring Hope, August 9—11.
 Laurinburg, August 31—September 1.
 Sandy Plain, September 20—22.
 Raleigh October 11—13.
 Selma, November 1—3.
 Hamlet, November 22—24.
 Fayetteville, December 13—15.

Eastern District, Rev. C. C. Somerville, Missionary.

Washington, January 18—20.
 Hertford, February 8—10.
 Greenville, March 1—3.
 Kinston, March 22—24.
 Winton, April 12—14.
 Burgaw, May 3—5.
 Kenansville, May 24—26.
 Goldsboro, June 14—16.
 Edenton, July 5—7.
 James City, July 26—28.
 Plymouth, August 16—18.
 Galilee, September 6—8.
 Hyde County, October 18—20.

The following is the outline of lectures for the first six months of 1898.

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY FOUR LECTURES.

1. *Repentance and Conversion.*—John's preaching. Christ's first commission to his disciples. Peter at Pentecost. Define repentance and conversion. True and false Christian experiences.

2. *Salvation.*—Its two aspects; the work of Christ for us; work of the Spirit in us. Justification. Regeneration. Sanctification.

3. *Earthly Mission of the Redeemed.* Christ's last command. Teaching of Christ. Teachings of the Epistles.

4. *The Church.* Its organization; officers—their duties and powers. Duties of members. Church discipline. Mission of the Church.

CHURCH HISTORY—TWO LECTURES. *

1. *Christianity in the New World.* Discovery of America. Roman Catholicism in Canada and Mexico. Pilgrims and Puritans in New England. Why they came from Europe. Roman Catholics in Maryland. Episcopalians in Virginia, etc. Church and State in the Colonies. Great revivals under Whitefield, Edwards, and the Wesleys.

2. *Christianity in the New World. The Baptists.* Roger Williams. Doctrine of civil and religious liberty in Rhode Island and Virginia. Incorporated in Constitution of the United States. The voluntary principle in the Church. General facts about Baptists in the United States.

THE GOSPEL MINISTRY—ONE LECTURE.

1. *Pastoral Work.* Christ, the great Shepherd. The Church a flock. Personal attention to the needs of all; inquiries; wayward members; the sick; funeral services. Paul an example of the faithful pastor.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS—TWO LECTURES.

1. *Missionary Motives.* Obedience to Christ's commands. Compassion for the perishing. Parable of the good Samaritan. "Debtor to the Barbarian." The honor of being co-workers with Christ in the world's redemption.

2. *The Gospel among the North American Indians.* Religious beliefs and practices of Indians. Early missionary work among them; Eliot, Roger Williams, etc. Baptist Missions to Indians in the early part of the century. Removal of Indians to the West. Recent work in Indian Territory. Striking conversions. General results.

CHURCH WORK—TWO LECTURES.

1. *Christian Beneficence.* How much should we give. The Jewish tithes. The New Testament law of love to Christ. The general rule; according to ability, as God prospers us. Everybody who earns anything should give something. Regular weekly giving. Objects of benevolence—the support of the church, pastor's salary, missions, education. Fixed time in churches for offerings to different objects.

2. *Woman's Missionary Work.* Women who ministered

to our Lord; first to tell of the resurrection. Women's work in early church. The great missionary organizations of women in this country. Women's mission circles in churches. How to organize and conduct meetings, etc.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—ONE LECTURE.

I. *The true policy in our educational work.* Not attempt too many things. The cost of good schools. Sad mistakes in not counting the cost. One college and two or three academies for each State. The policy of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Number and character of its schools. Total cost.

J. A. WHITTED,
Raleigh, N. C., General Missionary,

CONSTITUTION.

We, the ministers and delegates from various Baptist churches in North Carolina, met in the town of Goldsboro, N. C., on the 18th of October, 1867, for the purpose of considering the propriety of entering into some general organization for our mutual improvement, and the diffusion of the principles of the Gospel, and agreed to the following rules of fundamental principles:

[*Revised October 23, 1889.*]

ARTICLE I.

This Convention shall be known as the "Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina."

ARTICLE II.

It shall be the object of this Convention to encourage and assist Shaw University; to educate young men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to encourage education among all the people of the State; to support the Gospel in all destitute sections of the State; to send the Gospel to Africa; to encourage the distribution and study of the Bible and sound religious literature; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the proper care of indigent orphan children and destitute and aged ministers of the gospel, and co-operate with the Foreign Mission Convention of the United States and the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. This Convention shall be composed of Baptist Associations of North Carolina, regular Baptist churches, all societies of a religious character, and members of good standing in regular Baptist churches.

SEC. 2. Any person may become a life-member by the payment of five dollars, and an annual member by the

payment of one dollar. Any Association may be represented by the payment of fifty cents per church, and may send one delegate for every ten churches or fraction thereof. Any single church in good standing may be represented by the payment of one dollar. Ministers in charge of regular Baptist churches in the State will be considered honorary members.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Statistician, Auditor, and a Board of Managers, consisting of nine members, of which the President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be *ex officio* members.

SEC. 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention and sign all orders upon the Treasurer. One of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the same duties in the absence of the President.

SEC. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Convention. He shall prepare intelligence for the press, make appeals and statements in behalf the Convention. He shall prepare the Minutes for the press; his stationery and postage must be furnished by the Board of Managers.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys and valuable bonds and notes belonging to the Convention, and shall pay all orders for money signed by the President and Corresponding Secretary. His books shall be open for inspection by any members of the Board of Managers. He shall keep an accurate account of all donations, and shall give such bond as the Board of Managers shall present quarterly reports to the Board and annual reports to the Convention.

SEC. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of the correspondence of the Convention with other bodies and corporations. He shall report to the Board of Managers, at their meetings, and report all contributions received. The money from all churches, associations and societies must be sent to him.

SEC. 6. The Auditor shall, before each annual meeting of the Convention, examine carefully the receipts, disbursements, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer,

and his certificate to the facts in the case shall be attached to the Treasurer's report.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The Board of Managers shall secure and hold the title to any and all property belonging to or which may be acquired by the Convention, and take a sufficient bond of the Treasurer. They shall have full power to carry out the objects of the Convention. They shall employ missionaries, appoint their fields of labor and fix their salaries. They shall prepare a programme and appoint speakers for the annual sermons on the objects of the Convention.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Convention shall be officers of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 3. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. The Board shall make an annual report to the Convention, giving a full account of its transactions during the year.

SEC. 5. The actual traveling expenses of the Board to and from quarterly meetings shall be taken out of the general fund.

ARTICLE VI.

All officers, managers and missionaries of the Convention must be members in good standing in regular Baptist churches.

ARTICLE VII.

The funds of the Convention shall be educational and general. The first is to provide for ministerial education; the second, for the payment of missionaries, home and foreign, and general expenses. These funds shall be kept distinct, and the money contributed to either must be applied to it. Unless otherwise directed, all money collected shall pass into the general fund.

ARTICLE VIII.

The officers of this Convention, except the managers, who shall serve during the pleasure of the Convention, shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE IX.

The Convention shall meet annually, on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October.

ARTICLE X.

This Convention may change the Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present.

 RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The President shall take the chair each session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding session to be read.

2. He shall preserve order, and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any brother to perform the duties temporarily.

4. The President shall not vote, only in case of a tie; and if he refuses to vote in a tie, the matter is decided in the negative,

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another brother to the chair, and he shall have the same rights in debate as any other member.

6. When any member wishes you to speak or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall first rise from his seat and address the Chair.

7. When two brothers shall rise at the same time, the President shall name the one to speak.

8. No member shall speak twice on the same subject until all who wish to speak have spoken.

9. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

10. While the Chair is putting a question, or any brother speaking, no one shall be allowed to walk across the house, or whisper, or otherwise interrupt him.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone or amend.

12. All committees shall be appointed in time to do their duty.

13. All committees shall be composed of three members, if not otherwise ordered.

14. No standing rule shall be altered or suspended except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention.

15. The Rules of Decorum shall be read at the opening of each annual session of the Convention, and as many during the the session as may be deemed practicable.

16. No member shall be allowed to intrude on the time by long debate in this Convention.





